

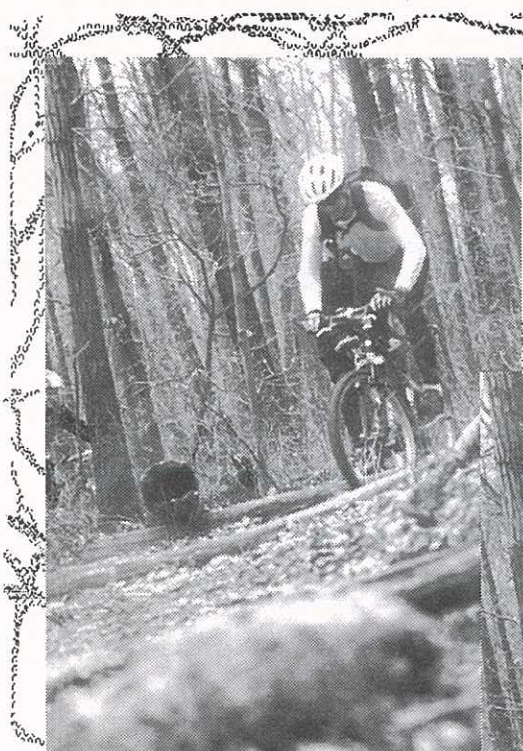
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Yes, for \$12.00 you could have had a limited edition T-shirt. *That is could have...* The cover of the last issue of the Bent Rim Bugle portrayed our annual meeting 1996 T-shirt and we had a few left from 1995 - But They Are All Gone Now. So, if you see one of the cool shirts out there, the individual sporting the shirt is one of the lucky few who got one of just 50 shirts made - some of them signed by either Keith Bontrager(96) or Gary Fisher(95). We are getting ready to produce our 1997 annual meeting T-shirt and your ideas are welcome for another limited run of shirts! Send your illustration to MMBA Annual Meeting Submission, P.O. Box 29 Belmont, MI 49306. Fortunately, there are plenty of official MMBA association shirts available, so order yours today!



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2. The MMBA needs people to attend MMBA Points Series Races to sign up members, take questions and forward them to appropriate MMBA officers, and to talk about what the MMBA does and has done.
3. In the summer not a month, and in some cases not a week, goes by where there is not an MMBA trail maintenance activity going on somewhere in our state. Call and get involved. Your riding depends on it! Call your local Chapter President, the numbers are on page 8.

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Western Chapter MMBA

By John Haffenden

Ionia Trail Work Day Report: The Western Chapter of the MMBA would like to thank **Village Bike Shops** for sponsoring the May Spring-workday and trail development of the Ionia Recreation "Chief-Cob-Moo-Sa-Trail". Thanks to Village Bike Shop's (Kentwood/Jenison/Cascade locations in the metro-Grand Rapids area) organization of the trail-day, the Western Chapter of the MMBA, the local Ionia bike shop (Dan's Bike and Lock) and the Park Management were able to add about 2 1/2 miles of trail to the efforts volunteers did last spring and summer and fall. The trail is now almost 10 miles long.

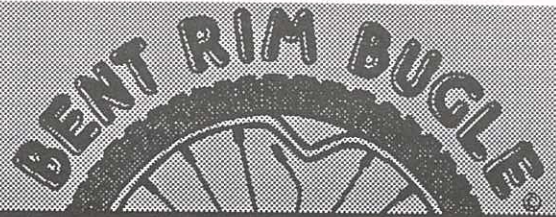
There were over 67 people working on the trail which was a new western record for volunteer turn-out. Thanks to the excellent planning (thank you Bud Pell of the Southwestern Chapter, for getting the design of the trail started) and because of the large turn-out, a lot was accomplished. Afterwards, the volunteers were treated to a barbecue and refreshments supplied by Village Bike Shops. Dale Phelps, owner of the Village said, "He was very happy with the turn out," and added that he would like to "see other bike shops do similar activities"

with the knowledge that 60 plus volunteers for an event is a beatable record. Village is already working on organizing another workday for Bass River Recreation Area. There are about 4 miles of trail all ready to ride and at least another 4 or 5 miles are waiting for volunteers to blaze. Who knows, Village may break its own volunteer turnout record...unless some other bike shop beats him to it...

Speaking of bike shops who are working on making better trails for everyone: **The Yankee Springs Deep Lake**



(Picture of Ionia work day- By Tonja Sahaydak)



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"How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were?"

Time Trial in April was another success. The Western Chapter of the MMBA would like to thank **Breakaway Bicycles, Fun Promotions, Yankee Springs State Park** and all the sponsors and the volunteers who helped with the event.

Thanks to this event and other fund raising, the chapter will be able to continue to put money and labor back into this trail area. The funds will be used for such things as the printing of the maps for handouts, belting for water bar construction, a new Carsonite trail marking system, Groundmaster material to control impact and the purchase of bicycles for the DNR to use.

Chapter Chatter

Holly/Flint Chapter

by Rick Jerrell, Pres. Holly/
Flint Chapt. MMBA

April 21, 1996 will go down in history, as members of the Holly/Flint Chapter erected the new **HOLDRIDGE LAKES MT. BIKE TRAIL** sign at Holdridge Lakes, in the Holly Recreation Area. The sign was built by the D.N.R. and is the traditional brown field with light lettering.

Members of the chapter would like to **THANK** Doug Cronkite of Holly Rec. and his employees for their help and cooperation in obtaining the sign for Holdridge Lakes.

As the 1996 riding season starts we'd like to inform you of our new chapter Historian, Shelley Pittman who will be compiling info about our rides, races and events (she'll be by the tree, with the camera.) Along with the start of the race season was our 1st Chapter Event, the "3rd Annual National Trails Day" held June 1st. NTD originated four years

ago to allow people who might not normally have a chance to give "something back" to the trail an opportunity to do so. Our chapter, along with others around the state and country gave you and your

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friends a chance to get involved. And they did! Many mountain bikers gave a little back to the TRAIL they rode all year around.

Also, as chairman of this year's "National Trails Day Event" in Holly at Holdridge Lakes, I wanted to let you know that I nominated our Chapter President, Kirk Costello, as "The State of Michigan's National Trails Day Volunteer of the Year." Last week I received confirmation from Jeanne M. Mattie of Mass. that Kirk was selected as the "1996 State of Michigan Vibram Volunteer of the Year." I hope you'll share in our pride!

Ed. Note: An accounting of volunteer hours over the past months shows around 657 man/woman hours out on the trail for the Holly/Flint chapter of the MMBA. Taking a generously low dollar-per-hour figure of \$10.00 as a wage that might be paid by the DNR for this type of work on the trail if there were no volunteers, the figure of \$6,570.00 would be the total bill for efforts. Taking an average (which is very low) of

about 500 man/woman hours per chapter (9) around the state for volunteer trail work over the last several months and you come up with the figure of at least \$45,000.00 worth of work on the trails and we still have a half a season to go!

Pontiac Lake

By Robin Scurr, Pontiac
Lake Chapter President

The Pontiac Lake Chapter has new officers this year. Elected to serve as president is Robin Scurr (810/363-6089) and the new vice-president is Bill Stoutenburg (810/674-4173). Both are looking forward to moving the chapter forward with more activities and improved communication to chapter members, but they can't do it without your help. If you would like to lend a hand, give one of them a call or come to the next chapter meeting.

All the chapter officers would like to send out a special thank you to all those who braved the rain to work at Pontiac Lake Recreation Area this past National Trails Day. Fifteen hearty souls showed up with raincoats and smiles - no one was heard complaining all day while about 7-8 miles of trail were trimmed/trashed-out.

Upcoming chapter events!

-Fun Ride Every Thursday Night @ 6:30 pm/Pontiac Lake: Meet at the beach trail-head and ride with other MMBA members. All are welcome, but be advised that this trail is very challenging for riders new to the sport. The group will usually split into 2 groups - experienced riders and those who would prefer a shortened/easier ride. Weather permitting. Info - Robin at 810/363-6089.

-Tuesday, July 9th @ 6:00 pm - Highland Rec. Area: Trail maintenance - Meet at the Livingston Road trail-head with your bike, clippers and folding saw. We will be riding

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Chapter Chatter...

and trimming around the trail, weather permitting. Otherwise we will hike. (Note: *This trail is highly technical and for experienced riders only - new riders are welcome to hike and trim.* This would be a fine opportunity to see what makes the trail so difficult.) Don't forget your bug spray as the deer flies promise to be in full force by this time. Free Clif Bars for all who attend. (Supplied courtesy of Clif Bar Corp.) Info - Bob Yankus at 810/363-0232.

Thursday, July 18th @ 7:30 pm - Chapter Meeting: The regular monthly meeting of the Pontiac Lake chapter is held every 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm under the pavilion near the

beach trail-head. All are encouraged to attend and contribute to the chapter. The fun ride before the meeting will leave promptly at 6:30 on meeting nights. Info - Robin at 810/363-6089.

Saturday, July 20th @ 9:00 am - Pontiac Lake trail maintenance: Meet at the beach trail-head with clippers, shovel, rake, or bow saw, rain or shine. We will be working on trimming and also repair of Blonsky's hill. **Free Clif Bars courtesy of Clif Bar Corp.** Info - Bill Stoutenburg at 810/674-4173.

Sunday, July 28th - Pontiac Lake Time Trial Race: This is an MMBA Championship Point Series event, as well as a Michigan MTB Time Trial Series event. Registration opens at 8:00 am. Racers start 2 per minute beginning at 10:00 am. Info - Tailwind Enterprises, Robert Linden at 810/634-6178.

And Just For The Record:

Sunday, June 2nd - Highland Rec - 3 people 5 hours each trail maintenance = 15 hours - Pontiac Lake - 15 people 3.25 hours each trail maintenance = 48.75 hours (They all braved the gloomy drizzle and rain to help out).

Northern Chapter

By Dennis Bean-Larson
George Lombard of Traverse City was recognized on March 19th by the Northern Chapter of the MMBA for his "tireless" efforts in establishing mountain bike trails in the Grand Traverse area.



George Lombard of Traverse City, "A tireless worker in developing both x-country skiing and mountain bike trails."

And...if you can keep up with him on the trail, he'll be glad to show you around!

George is one of the founders of the VASA cross country ski trail near Traverse City, and has worked with the Department of Natural Resources for the last several years in establishing marked non-motorized pathways for mountain bikes in Grand Traverse County.

Members of the Northern Chapter of the MMBA are in the process of finishing a proposal which will facilitate getting an additional loop of the VASA Pathway signed for use. The portion to be signed will add to the variety of trail experiences to be found in the Pere Marquette State Forest for recreational activity. **However your help is needed to finish the job. For more information contact Dennis Bean-Larson at 941-4500 days, 263-7383 eves.**

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Jim Hough

MMBA Responsibility Code

1. Always yield the right of way to other trail users.
2. Slow down and pass with care (or stop).
3. Control your speed at all times.
4. Stay on designated trails.
5. Don't disturb wildlife or livestock.
6. Pack out litter.
7. Respect public and private property.
8. Know local rules.
9. Plan ahead.
10. Avoid riding in large groups.
11. Minimize impact.
12. Report incidents of trail impasse to local park authorities.



International Dirt - IMBA Info

Editor's Note: I met Merk French at the IMBA Summit last winter in AZ. He E-mailed this adventure to fellow IMBA members and I thought I'd include it in this issue of the BRB. The thing about IMBA and MMBA volunteers is that they love to ride and have adventures. The fact is, that is what makes IMBA and the MMBA tick, the adventure. It is so important to them that they are willing to invest time, resources and energy in the trails for the adventures yet to come!

Buffalo Creek Fire Rages!

By Merk French

Boy, did we have an adventure Saturday, May 18, 1996 on Buffalo Creek! The flames were hot on our tails. Well, no flames, but we were riding down the Tramway trail when the fire started less than a mile away. We met TCS Secretary/Treasurer Tom Barnhart and company riding up Tramway at that

time. Our newest member, Paul Farley, who moved up from Florida two weeks ago, had his maiden mountain bike ride, and did it right by an excellent OTB (Over the Bars) biff coming down Tramway. No serious injury. In the immortal words of Monty Python, "Just a flesh wound."

Then we rode up the Morrison Creek trail. I smelled smoke and said, "Doesn't burning wood smell wonderful?" I thought someone had a fire going at one of the campgrounds, and was I right!? By now Paul's wreck, and the fact that


he was living at sea level two weeks earlier, were having an affect. He was breathing plenty hard, he just couldn't get enough air (We were at 7,000 feet.) So, I asked Kira Haas and Paul to ride back down to Forest Service road 543, and then ride out to the Buffalo Creek Fire Station.

Randy Mumma and I rode on up Shingle Mill to Forest Service road 550. When we reached 550, we looked back and saw a tremendous plume of orange and black smoke from the direction we had just come. We booked for the cars. Just before we reached the parking area at the junction of Forest Service road 550 and highway 126, we ran into a Jefferson County Sheriff's deputy blocking all traffic heading into the area. We drove down to the Buffalo Creek Fire Station where we were stopped at Forest Service road 543. Soon Kira and Paul came riding in. They said that they were riding through heavy smoke, and that the fire was obviously close.

Consequently, our trail maintenance day Sunday, May 19th, on the Roxborough Loop was brought to a halt when the Sheriff's department blocked off Waterton Canyon to all traffic.

At 9:00 am Monday, May 20th, I talked with our TCS liaison at the Forest Service, Lori Malcolm. An estimated 10,000 acres had been burned, and the fire was 50% contained. From what I could tell, the fire had ruined quite

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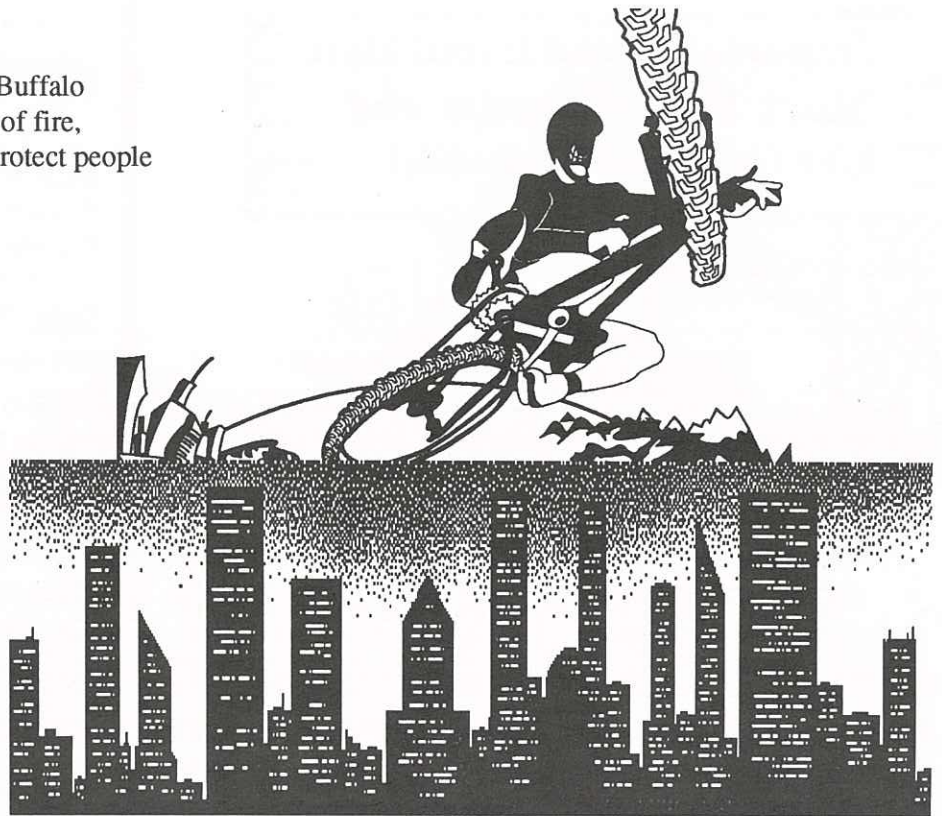
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a bit of our prime riding trails in the Buffalo Creek area. She said, "With this size of fire, fanned by high winds, all you do is protect people and structures, and let it burn."

By: Merk French
President,
Trail Conservation Services (TCS)
Colorado

"...consensus has been reached with various trail users environmental groups (including the Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, Illinois Trail Riders and The Palos Restoration Group)..."



Success In One Of The Largest Metro-Areas In The Country

Outline of an understanding reached in Cook County, Illinois

After three years of negotiations with the Cook County Forest Preserve District (Chicago Area) it appears that a mainstream consensus has been reached with various trail users environmental groups (including the Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, Illinois Trail Riders and The Palos Restoration Group). The District owns and maintains some 67,000 acres of Forest Preserves, which accounts for more than 11% of the land in Cook County (that holds most of the biodiversity in the Northern part of Illinois).

1) In Deer Grove, the environmentally sensitive ravine area will be closed to bicyclists and equestrians. However, an approximate six mile looped trail system for those users will be marked open and redeveloped and maintained as a designated trail by the District. TURF (Trail Users Rights Foundation and a RIDE Chapter) will be involved in future plans for volunteer maintenance and patrol.

2) In Palos Area (the largest heavily wooded, moraine dotted park in a large metropolitan area) there will be 35 miles of Designated Trails and some 25 miles of Proposed Trails, some of which will be marked open with special signs. All trails will appear on a map with the Proposed Trails marked as a dotted line and the Designated Trails as a solid line. Included in the Open Proposed Trails will be the highly desirable single track trails of Dynamite Road and Three Ravines. Proposed Trails will have a three to five-year window of opportunity to be included into the Designated Trail System. All trails not indicated as Designated or Proposed will be considered closed and subject to enforcement methods, including fines. TURF will be involved in future plans for maintenance and patrol.

3) IMBA and RIDE will assist in offering their expertise and the expertise of master trail builders to help the District make an assessment of the cost of implementing the Proposed Trail System. RIDE will continue to solicit financial support from a Partnership of the bicycle industry, bike dealers and bicycle riders. We already have a commitment of \$25,000 from Sram Corp. (Grip Shift) and CABDA (Chicago Midwest Bicycle Dealers Association). TREK has offered assistance with a combination map/educational pamphlet and trail signs.

4) The trail Committee will continue to function to alleviate conflicts and to form Task Force Committees as necessary to suggest solutions for specific problems and tasks.

5) The organizations represented to the trail committee will be committed to finding solutions that are of benefit to the entire trail community and will support efforts to influence the budgets of the Cook County Board and Forest Preserve District to implement the Trail System.

For info?: Carl M. Birkelbach (RIDE) 312-853-2828 Fax: 312-853-3183 / E-Mail RIDE IMBA@aol.com

Important Trail Event Dates Mark Your Calendar and Get Out On The Trails!

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Chapter Presidents/contacts for the MMBA

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PONTIAC LAKE: Jay Jones (810) 373-9937

WESTERN MICH: John Haffenden (616) 365-0468

NORTHERN MICH: Doug Nelson (616) 775-0154

HOLLY/FLINT: Kirk Costello (810) 634-4091

SOUTHWEST: Kristopher Ouvry (616) 731-4009

NORTHEAST: Contact Todd Dewell (517) 345-4523

UPPER PENINSULA: Contact

Jack McHugh (517) 267-0804 (temp.)

July 12-14 - **West Virginia Adventure** - Potawatomi Chapter & Cascade Cycling Club call: Poto HotLine at 313-663-9940 or Michael Hayes at 517-784-6761

July 14 - **Rifle River State Recreation Area** - Lupton, MI. Meet at 10:00am main parking lot. Call: Todd 517-345-4523

July 28 - **Pontiac Lake MTB Time Trail**: an event for raising funds for the benefit of the trail: call 810-634-6187

August 17 - **Potawatomi Trail Care** (Saturday): 9:30am: call Emil Sims 313-663-3113

August 18 - **Pontiac Lakes Recreation Area Northeast Chapter Southern Adventure**. Meet in main parking lot near trail head 10:00am - Call Jason or Dave at: 517-753-6086

August 25 - **Pine Haven Recreation Area**: Trail Maintenance

at 9:00 am meet at trailhead off main parking lot - info call: Dave Hatton at 517-753-6068

Sept. 6 - 8 - **Searchmont, Ontario Adventure** - Potawatomi Chapter & Cascade Cycling Club call: Poto HotLine at 313-663-9940 or Michael Hayes at 517-784-6761

Sept. 7 - **Carry Nation Back Road Bike Tour** (Saturday) - Holly call 810-634-4091

Sept. 8 - **Shanty Creek Resort Ride**. Bellaire MI. Meet at Schuss Mountain parking lot 12:00noon. Call John at (home) 517-832-03736 or (work) 517-496-2810

Sept. 21 - **St. Jude's Mountain Bike-a-thon** (Saturday) - Oak Hill Farm call: 810-634-4091

Sept. 22 - **Friends of the Poto Festival** (Saturday) : Look for flyers and more info come in August, call: 313-663-3113

October 20 - (Saturday) **Fall Color Ride** - Holly to local Cider Mill and Back call: 810-634-4091

*****OF NOTE TO ALL*****

Poto Regular Group Rides: Beginners Wed. nights at Island Lake Recreation Area Parking Lot 6:00pm call: Poto HotLine at 313-663-9940

Poto Friday Night Intermediate/Advanced Rides, Meet in center of Potawatomi Trailhead parking lot 6:00pm, call: Poto HotLine at 313-663-9940

Holly Monday Night Rides Start In April call: 810-634-4091

Proud Lake Recreations Area: New Trail Being Developed call: Bud at 313-421-5341

Bass River Trail Development: New trail going in southeast of Grand Haven call 616-365-0468

Stony Creek Metro Park : Bing Eberhart, manager of Stony Creek Metro park, is concerned about the misuse of trails in the park. He would like the MMBA to organize and sign the trails into a one-way loop using the existing trails. Much work will be needed on the project to close some of the existing trails and repair others. All contact for this project will be handled through Dan Duncan, Chief Planner for the Metro park system. **Call: (313) 699-5556 for up-dates on situation.**

TREKUSA

Also See Chapter Chatter pg. 3, 4, 5,!

Multi-Use Notices:

Sept. 7 - Dances With Dirt Relay. Use of about 4 miles of Poto between 11:00 am and 2:00pm
Use alternate trail(s)

Always call if you need more info or have questions call your chapter president... Can't get through call 616-785-0120

Summer Is Here...

By Fred Tyska, Park Manager
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area

Summer is here and a lot of changes will be noticed from your spring ventures in, on and through the woods. The masses of spring flowers are gone, the leaves are on the trees now, shading the forest floor and making it more difficult for plants at that level to survive. Many of your

habitat. So besides bike tires there are hawks, owls, snakes, skunks, raccoons, crows, blue jays, fox, coyotes, weasels, shrews, mice, robins, ants, wasps, man and so on to devour each other which helps to keep populations in check. The smart, strong and able survive, the others donate to the survival of these. [There are times when one wonders if the homo-sapiens know of this theory as we seem to have more of the 'dumb ones' not cooperating and surviving on occasions].

Death is a part of nature as is life. We may get all excited and hate the fox for eating the cute, tiny, fuzzy baby wood ducks, but it is no different then you chomping down on a leg of K.F.C. which at one time was a cute fuzzy little chick.

Now you may ask what death and nature



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spring flowers have a bulb or corn root. The corn allows them to store up nutrients during the short time that they are exposed to a lot of sunlight, which explains why we have so many 'spring' flowers in the forests, as compared to the summer or fall flowers. Another item noticed will be the vast number of 'Dumb Animals'. These are the latest batch of young who haven't learned all of the necessary survival tactics. They just sort of stand there and watch you run over them. They may also run off to the side of the road and then suddenly dart back under your tires. Nature's game plan is the 'survival of the fittest' and all these young animals cannot survive or they would over populate their



Lake Recreation Area, man or animal. If you are in shape and ride well, you will survive. If you are not in shape nor a good rider you may have a direct affect on our park's ecology. This could be good for the worms or it could be a bad environmental disaster for the flora and fauna especially if you specialize in fast foods (can you say "blow-chunks"), Mother Nature who is often shown as a kindly old lady, is in reality a blood thirsty, cruel ogre.

has to do with Mountain Bike riding. The answer is that the fittest survive the trails at Pontiac

Any biologist with field experience can attest to this. You are also a part of nature and nature doesn't care whether you live or die, whether you bash your brains out against a tree, a rock, log or a spooked animal, or that you managed to 'squeak' through it.

With this thought in mind when approaching animals, or rounding blind curves, beware of the critters, this year's batch do not really know how to react and may jump into your path causing you to crash. Also beware of sunning animals such as turtles and snakes that like the openings created in the forest canopy because of the traits, that allow the sun to shine through on the forest floor. Snakes and turtles are important in helping maintain animal populations so try to avoid putting tire tracks on them, besides they are protected by State Law. And finally wear your helmet and any other protective gear - do not try to compost before your time.

Ranger Pet

Peeves - The 'May Day' callers. A person gets injured on the

trail, his group asks all passer-bys to get help. One goes to the campground, one to the riding stable, and one to the beach. Then one of them realizes that he has a cellular phone and dials 911. Emergency vehicles are called and we are now looking for 4 injured people, one for each report. In the meantime the injured person's back spasm eases up and he can now function. The group takes off, pedals out and goes home. The rangers, police and fire department are still looking for four injured people. The least that they could have done was use the cellular phone and called back. If there was a person that we would like to nominate for trail composting this is the one.

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MY TWO CENTS WORTH

by Mad Max
(Courtesy of Northern Indiana
Mountain Bike Association)

Every once in awhile, even we diehard, go-fast bikers can benefit from slowing down to see what's around us in the woods and fields. I say this because **I've found that the fun of the ride often disappears when the ride starts to turn into a race.** When I back down the pace, I notice the way the trail loops around, and how someone could manage to fit 10 miles of single track into a fairly small woods. I might see a deer standing off to the side, or some piece of treasure (ejected water bottles, broken reflectors) glistening by the trail. Usually when I ride at a brisk pace, I lose track of where I am ("lost in the middle of nowhere" doesn't count). At an easier pace, my sense of direction holds up, and I know which way to head if I have to hike out with a broken bike. At speed, I develop tunnel vision, and these revelations don't occur.

Don't get me wrong - there's a place for fast trail rides. I usually ride with a group of faster riders, and it makes me better trying to keep up with them. I like the challenge of cutting my lap time at Lawless or Custer, and I need the speed work to improve my race results. I can and do have fun going fast (except for those high speed encounters with trees or earth), but there's a limit.

My message, as if you asked, is to try a slower ride once in awhile, and see what's around you. Practice your technical skills, or do some trail maintenance as you go. If your significant other rides slower than you, go at his/her speed for a change, and not just for the first mile

or two. Just remember, it's supposed to be fun, and don't let it become what we all try to avoid: WORK.

MMBA & NORBA A Case of Water and Oil?

**This article is written by
Gordon Allen, MMBA
Championship Points
Series Director.**

The opinions expressed in the article are his and may not reflect any official position of the MMBA.

I am writing this article to clarify some of the issues surrounding mountain bike racing in Michigan. With three race series running simultaneously and with some events being in more than one series, there has been a fair amount of confusion among the racers. To remain as objective as possible, I will tell you what is fact and what is my opinion.

FACT - MMBA was estab-

lished in 1990. Its charter specifically defines two areas of purpose:

The first is to act as an advocate for off road bikers in securing and maintaining trail access and environmental awareness.

The second is to provide an amateur competition body for quality mountain bike racing in Michigan. The MMBA currently has 1380 members of which 590 are in the MMBA Point Series (55 families race in the Point Series). The MMBA Championship Points Series is sanctioned by the MMBA, but each race is run by independent promoters. In 1995 there were 12 different promoters for the 28 Series races. The sanctioning of races serves a dual purpose; first, to provide quality racing events for mountain bike racers and second to provide revenue, in addition to dues, for trails access efforts.

Through the collaboration and relationship development of our

Executive Director, the MMBA has become a very influential organization in land access activities in Michigan.

FACT - In 1995 NORBA and Fun Promotions each established their own point series. Most of their races were included in the '95 MMBA Series.

OPINION - In 1995 the MMBA Race Committee voted to expand the Series to 28 races. This decision was made to provide equal opportunity to new promoters for participation in

the Series and more race opportunities for racers. In hindsight this was a mistake. With a race virtually every weekend from the first of April to the first of November, the MMBA was unable to keep the Series tabulations up-to-date. Also, there were a number of events that were poorly attended and poorly managed. Many racers were frustrated and disappointed with the results.

FACT - An informal meeting was held at the NORBA National event in Traverse City last summer. At that meeting were Eric Moore, NORBA Events Coordinator, Dwain Abramowski, Executive Director of the MMBA, Kris Ouvry, President MMBA, and myself- who at the time was simply an interested racer. The purpose of that meeting was to determine if a cooperative relationship could be established. Eric Moore was subsequently invited to the first promoters meeting for the 1996 season to further discuss the possible integration of NORBA into the MMBA Point Series. At that meeting, a motion to require that all MMBA sanctioned races be NORBA sanctioned as well was defeated. This vote by the promoters was not binding to the MMBA, but was advisory to the Race Committee. NORBA was unable to guarantee a sponsor for the 1996 Series or commit any specific financial support to the MMBA or the Points Series. The Race Committee concurred with the promoters' earlier vote.

OPINION - We have been very fortunate in Michigan to have excellent local promoters. If you have raced outside Michigan, you know that most Michigan races are in a league well above those of surrounding states. Some Michigan promoters have chosen to use NORBA as a resource in promoting their events, some have not.



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NORBA has offered nothing to the MMBA that would improve the quality of racing in Michigan, in fact, they would require the MMBA to include races that we might determine substandard due to past scoring problems, poor course design, poor organization or other factors which the MMBA evaluates to sanction an event.

FACT - If the MMBA were to become NORBA affiliated, all racers would have to have a NORBA license to compete in any MMBA Point Series race. Currently about half the racers in Michigan do not participate in the MMBA Point Series. Their cost to enter an event is the price of registration. They do not have to be an MMBA member unless they want to be tabulated in the Series. NORBA affiliation would require a racer to purchase a \$30.00 NORBA license, a \$22.00 MMBA membership, and a \$5.00 Point Series tabulation fee to participate in the Point Series. In addition, all promoters would be required to purchase liability insurance through NORBA at a much higher cost than they can on their own. NORBA representatives were unable to clarify the following issues:

1. Would the MMBA be allowed to collect the \$1.00 per rider fee from the promoters? (A \$6000 value to MMBA)
2. Would NORBA secure a major sponsor for the Series?
3. Would the MMBA retain authority in determining what events would be in the Series, or would certain events be mandated by NORBA?

FACT - The 1996 season will produce revenue to the MMBA of approximately \$23,800. The cost to run the Series will be about \$10,000 to \$12,000. The majority of expense going to calendars, advertising, and the Point series

awards at the end of the year. *The additional revenue generated by the Point Series has allowed the MMBA to offer, for the first time, a \$3000 trails improvement grant to the MMBA Chapters.* The remainder of the revenue will be allocated to trail advocacy. This revenue is the result of the generous support of **TREK and participating Michigan TREK dealers**, and the \$1.00 per rider commitment of **our fantastic promoters.**

TREK sponsorship of the Series was developed by MMBA Treasurer, Tom Nell. This financial success was accomplished by the hard work and expertise of MMBA volunteers working for Michigan racers and Michigan trails and is far more than anything offered by NORBA in support of MMBA.

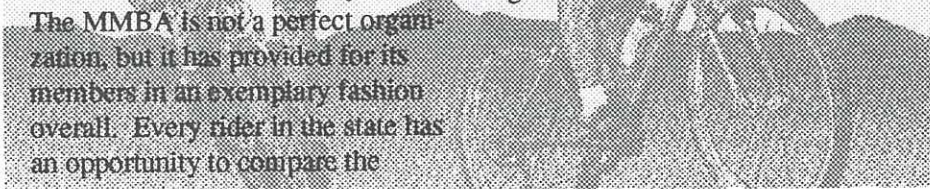
OPINION - The MMBA is committed to sanctioning the biggest and best point series in the Nation. **Our number one commitment is to the grass-roots weekend racer and the non-racing recreational rider.** Because of our success in meeting this dual commitment to the mountain bikers of Michigan, the MMBA was named the model mountain bike organization by the International Mountain Biking Association in 1993-94. If NORBA affiliation would enhance the MMBA's ability to improve on these commitments, I think we would choose affiliation. Thus far, there is no evidence that this would be the case, in fact, a loss of significant revenue seems a more likely result. The MMBA is not a perfect organization, but it has provided for its members in an exemplary fashion overall. Every rider in the state has an opportunity to compare the

quality of service of MMBA and NORBA. So, I ask you to decide - **Who is working for you on a daily basis through an Executive Director attending State meetings and pleading a case on your behalf to expand the trail system in Michigan?** Which point series provides you with the highest quality races, the greatest variety of events and at the lowest cost?

FACT: When problems regarding the two biggest NORBA events in Michigan were brought to Eric Moore's attention, his reply was that these problems had to be taken up with the promoters, NORBA did not get involved in the actual management of events.

OPINION: One of these events was unable to produce accurate scoring even a month after the event. This promoter did not wish to participate in the 1996 MMBA Championship Point Series. Had they made such a request, the exclusion of the event from the Series would have been addressed by the Race Committee and, in my opinion, the event would have been excluded. They remain a premiere event on the NORBA schedule.



FACT - It is the weekend racer who will ultimately resolve these issues by supporting those organizations that best meet his or her expectations. I believe that the MMBA has in the past and continues to serve all its constituents (both recreational rider and racer) very well. I plan on being at the remaining MMBA Championship Point Series events, so look me up at the MMBA tent and let me know how we can make it an even better organization in the future.



Highland State Recreation Area

Bike Trail Map

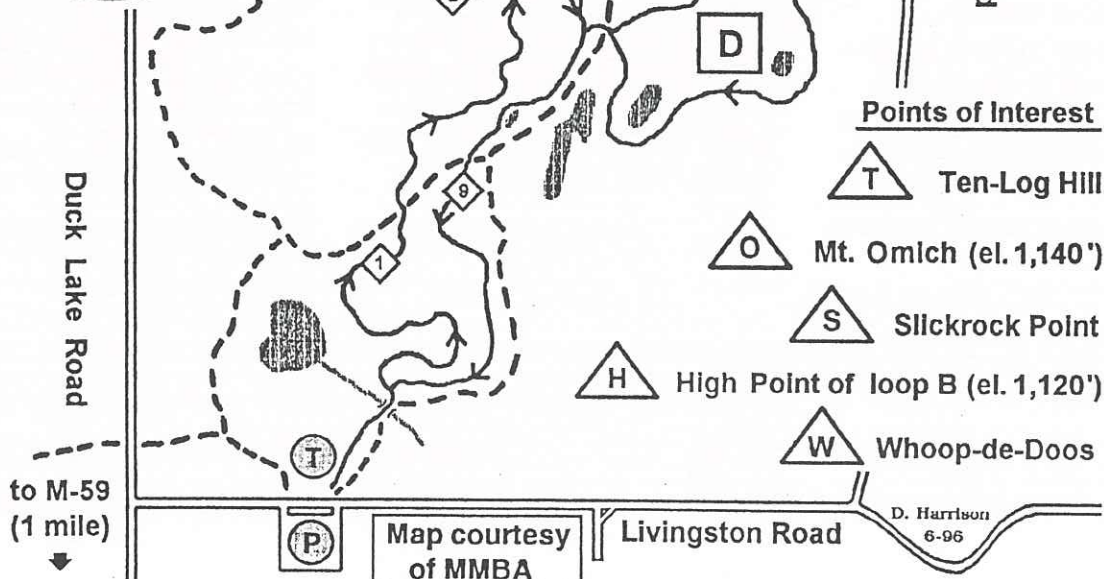
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-  Horse Trail
(CLOSED to bikes)
-  Bike Trail (all bike trails ridden CLOCKWISE)

Bike Trail Loops

- A** 3.8 miles: Hilly, many short steep climbs & drops. Vertical: 410 ft.
- B** 5.9 miles: Very hilly, longer climbs, many logs, off-camber runs, big rocks. Vertical: 880 ft.
- C** 2.4 miles: VERY TECHNICAL! Very tight & rocky, sharp dips. Vertical: 370 ft.
- D** 3.8 miles: VERY TECHNICAL! Tight turns, big rocks, steep hills. Vertical: 430 ft.

-  Distance (miles)
-  Water
-  Trailhead Parking
-  Toilet



Map courtesy
of MMBA

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Southeast Chapter of the MMBA NOT A STRAIGHT RIDE!

By Bob Yankus

"Not A Straight Ride" was on the back of special Edition T-Shirts given to the builders of Highlands's Mt. Bike Trail, on April 21, at their volunteer appreciation day. This slogan was the modified version of instruction given to workers ("Not A Straight Line") as they set out to build loop "D". Given the option to construct trails without following old roads and paths, why not make a trail that never goes straight. So they did! However, "no reward" was the resulting slogan when the first riders completed this loop. With 430 feet of vertical climbing, they said "it is as much work going down as it is going up", because of the very tight downhill single-track. Can this be fun? Only if you like "riding" your mountain bike and not putting it on cruise control for a couple of hours. Twist and shout, the trail is nothing

but fun!

So, after over 600 hours of MMBA volunteer work the trail that was first proposed in March 1995, approved in June, 80% completed in September, and finished in late winter/early spring 1996 resulted in 16 miles of **SUPERIOR** single-track. With the success of Highland's Mt. Bike Trail, the MMBA demonstrates the mountain biking community can create, build and maintain its own trail systems.

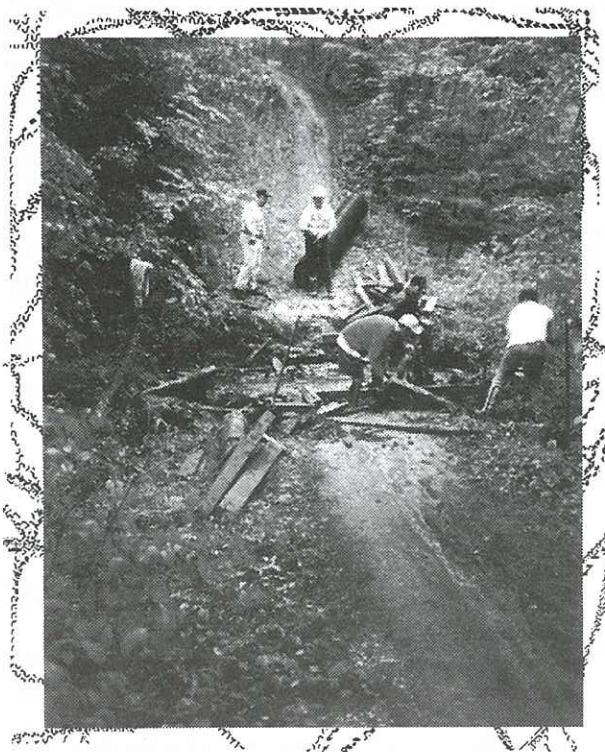
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Northeast Chapter of the MMBA

The Northeast Chapter of the MMBA has been busy at the Pine Haven Trail and the Ogama Pathway trail systems near the Saginaw/Midland areas of Michigan. They replaced a rotted bridge with a culvert to carry hiking, mountain biking and x-country skiing traffic. They have also been setting up informational booths at the trail-head on weekends and according to Todd Dewell, "...response has been great. Our Chapter and local bike shops are beginning to really get involved and it is ensuring our presence on the trail in the future." For info and ride dates call: 517-345-4523. (Photo by Kevin Bouck)

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Volunteers are needed for an event this fall. This is not for a trail cleanup. There will be no tree trimming, shoveling, raking, chopping hauling or digging. We get to do what we mountain bikers do best - RIDE! Here's the scoop. With the MMBA's assistance, the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society is expanding their annual Fall Breakaway bike tour on Sunday, September 15, 1996 to actually include the trails of Island Lake State Recreation Area. That's right, no more dirt roads for the knobby contingent. In a nutshell, you can help in two very important ways.

First, you can be a rider on the tour, helping to earn badly needed sponsorship dollars to help fight MS. For more info on riding the Fall Breakaway Tour, call Karen Breen at the MS Society at (800) 247-7382, ext. 204.

Second, you can be a volunteer helping to patrol the trail and act as guides and tour leaders. Get more details on volunteering for trail patrol and tour guides from Don LeHue at (800) 962-7448 ext. 6889 during the day, or early in the evening, 810-399-8519.

Island Lake: (Blazing the Campground trail -Photo Provide by Dennis Hansen)

Please Note: The direction for riding Island Lake Recreation Area this year (1996) is in a counter-clockwise direction. Ride aware!



Ride with care!

Also a new mile of single track has been put in the former group campground that leads to the Island Lake trail-head for mountain biking use. The campground has more trail-head parking, complete with a picnic area and well. Park Managers said that they are considering a larger parking lot lay out and widening the access road. Also possibly putting in new signs, etc.. The MMBA will keep you posted and watch for possible volunteer days...

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Mike is the cycling columnist for the Traverse City Record Eagle and a contributor to many other publications. Mike is currently working with his publishers and the MMBA to secure a discount to MMBA members and perhaps support for the MMBA.

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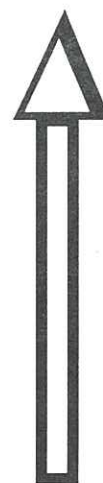
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**This article brought to you by MMBA Member
Dan Harrison courtesy of
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Man, what an awesome day for a ride! I'm gonna clean that tricky section today, fer sure. Here's the trail-head. . . Woah! Who put up this sign? No bikes! Yeah, right—I'll just slip in here and. . . Huh? Who, me? Sorry, Mister Ranger-person—No, ~honest, I didn't see any sign. A \$200 fine? No wait~! All I right, I'm ~going. . . (so llofa#@% ~!!!) That's okay, I'll just I ride down to that gnarly new trail I heard about. . . Wha?? There ain't no trail here! It's supposed to be right here! WHO TOOK MY TRAILS???

Sounds like a scene from a really bad Twilight Zone, right? Not really—it's all happened before, and it can happen again, right here in Michigan. Back in 1990, off-road cycling was banned on state land administered by the DNR. The only reason we got it back was that responsible cycling activists put in the time and effort to plead our case in Lansing. From then on, though, the wide-open days were over. Designated trails, multiple use and user upkeep became the price of staying in the game. And there are elements out there right now that would ban us again, given half a chance.

As for the trail that disappeared, that's happening every day. It's the trail that never got built in the first place. Nobody looked at that land and dreamed of bikes floating over it. Nobody planned a workable trail, mapped it out, pitched it to the authorities, rounded up work crews, sweated the details, tweaked the line here, buffed a corner there. And nobody cared. There are thousands of acres of public land that could be legitimately and responsibly enjoyed by mountain bikers. In the past few years, enough trails have been built so that the know-how, both within the cycling community and the government, is available. So which is the bigger problem: ignorance or apathy?

"Man, I don't know and I don't

care. C'mon, just gimme back my trails, okay? . . ."

Ah, Grasshopper, you must take them back—but by using cunning not force. Taking on Mother Nature and City Hall at the same time is a

tough way to go. The trick is, not to. Instead, work with them both. Just as the fastest rider is the one who finds the smoothest line—not always the straightest or most obvious. And no shortcuts, dude.

"Hey, what about that awesome Paradigm Trail out in Marin, man. Those guys just said -screw- the Establishment" and went ahead and built it."

And now it's just a legend. If they would have first shown whether the trail was compatible with preserving the watershed, the Paradigm might still be around. Now we may never know. You want to ride on wheels, not re-invent them. So let's listen to what some of the most successful trail builders in Michigan can tell us.

Bob Yankus spearheaded the Highland Trail, one of last year's biggest success stories. At this year's

MMBA awards, he was named "Volunteer of the Year" by both the Pontiac Lake and Southeast chapters. The Highland Trail, Bob says, evolved from a series of false starts. A few years ago, not everyone knew what a mountain bike trail should look like. The rangers at Highland cut a big wide loop in an open meadow, and called that the trail. The bikers didn't go for it at all, and said so.

Meanwhile, Bob had been invited by the people at Kandahar ski area to develop a race course utilizing existing two-track. He connected these with new single track sections that were narrow and twisty. The



alternations between speed and technical difficulty that resulted made Kandahar an instant legend.

At first Bob approached Highland the same way. The existing horse trail system had washouts, water crossings and deep sandy sections. Bypass the worst spots with new single track he figured, and there's your trail. But the new trail was so superior, he kept cutting out the horse trail sections until the final plan was to build a complete system from scratch. In March of 1995 the DNR administrators granted access to 1.5 square miles where activity had been minimal.

Six or seven miles seemed possible: in fact, there will be 15 miles by the end of this season.

The important thing is to realize that the bikers weren't kicked off the horse trails—they voluntarily gave up that old system, in exchange for permission to build their own. A

good horse trail, Bob notes, usually makes a bad bike trail anyway—boring at best, unrideable at worst. The same thing has happened at Pontiac Lake and Maybury. We bikers can't expect to get horses and hikers kicked off existing trails where they were there first. Sharing the trails means following the IMBA rule, as every good mountain biker knows, which makes us third-class users; we yield to EVERYTHING. So the price of guaranteeing access to quality bike trails is; we plan, present, mark, build and maintain them ourselves, as a community of bikers.

"Way to go, man! No road apples in my knobbies, no granola-

southeast corner. It was short, it was dangerous, but it was ours, and it was a new beginning.

By fall of '93 Bud had a proposal to lay out a separate bike trail beginning with the existing nucleus. The next spring Bud, along with the MMBA, the Ford Motor Company bike club and a troop of Boy Scouts laid out the present 4.5 mile loop. He proudly points out that it's the closest mountain bike trail to Detroit, and has required no erosion-related maintenance.

By contrast, Ionia was the trail that almost didn't get built. Ironically, the Boy Scouts had built a trail specifi-

that makes maximum use of the rugged terrain that the DNR had no use for. The story of how that trail actually got built—well, let's save that for another day. It may all start with somebody's dream, but making it a reality still takes a lot of bodies covered with mud, sweat, and chainsaw oil—the more the merrier.

"Geez, dude, like thanks for the history lesson, all ready. Can I split now?"

Please do. But when Maintenance Day rolls around at a trail near you, I'll be looking for you. There's some awesome new trails out there this

Of Two Trails ...

muchers flippin' me the bird...."

Uh, whatever. Government agencies, at whatever level, are generally so tightly budgeted that the best support they can give us is their approval. And that we have to earn, by convincing the officials that we have a good plan and can deliver on it.

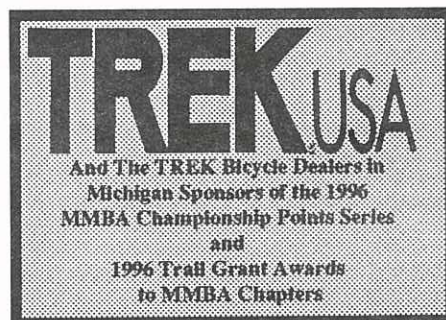
Bud Pell has been mountain biking in Michigan for over ten years. He's been involved in many projects, but two that stand out are Maybury State Park and Ionia Recreation Area—they are perfect illustrations of our two trails. Back in '86 there were so few bikers or horses on the Maybury trails, everybody rode wherever they wanted. In '88 a commercial horse livery opened, and by 1990, as part of the brief but scary "bike ban", the bikes lost out to the horses. Fortunately, park manager Gary Fisher was sympathetic to the bikers, and allowed a 1.5 mile section in the

cally for mountain biking, but the same 1990 ban that hit Maybury also caused the loss of this trail. When the DNR relented, they hastily laid out a 5-mile loop along the flood plain between Riverside Drive and the Grand River. With constant flooding and zero park maintenance, the trail was a failure.

On the other side of the road lay a long narrow parcel bounded by the railroad tracks. Once used as a gravel pit, it was an eyesore and a headache to the DNR, with 4-wheelers breaking in and tearing it up. But it was high and dry compared to the old trail. Bud saw the possibilities, and in July of 1995 he and Dennis Hansen laid out a long, narrow loop

year—on paper, just waiting for you to make them happen.

(Dan Harrison/Mich. Cyclist Mag.)



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To promote responsible mountain biking and to work toward the goals of common land access and natural resource protection through interaction with policy makers, the cycling industry, race promoters, mountain bikers and other trail users.

MMBA Points Series

Results

As of the Pando Race in May 96

Questions? Write:

Race Chairman Gordy Allen

2528 Elizabeth Lk. Rd.

Waterford MI 48328

Total Points

Beginner Junior Men 14 & Under

PRESLEY, BEN	167
FERGUSON JR., GARY	155
WARNERS, TIM	110
WOODARD, JEREMY	60
HUYGHE, ERIK	55
PUNCHES, ERIC	49
ARMSTRONG, JOSHUA	31
FISHER, ERIC	25
BRUCE, JAMI	
HEIM, JUSTIN	

Beginner Junior Men 15-18

MURTON, THOMAS A.	144
MORGAN, BRAD	125
HASSEBROCK, DAVID	100
DRAPER, DAVID	99
ANDERSON, MATT	92
WILLIAMS, BRIAN	89
BAKER, NATE	57
GUNDERSON, BROOKS	52
TERHUNE, GREG	28
BRANSTETTER, JOHN	25
ZAGACKI, JOHN	25
WEST, ERIC	24
WILLIAMS, JUSTIN	22
ALLES, NICK	
CAMP, KEVIN	
DUDLEY, KEN	
EROS, PAUL	
KORF, JAY	
LICH, BEN	
MCGEORGH, BRIAN	
RUDDICK, JEFF	
VETTER, TRAVIS	
WOODLAND, DAVID	

Beginner Master Men 45 & Over

MURRAY, VAUGHN E	196
GROSS, MILT	151
DEITCH, HOWARD	29
DERR, BILL	29
BUSHONG, JIM	28
HORST, DAVID N.	28
SPITLER, RICHARD G.	25
ACORD, BILL	
AGAR, BRIAN	
ALLES, DOUGLAS H.	
BLANKENSHIP, RANDY P.	
CARDINALE, GIUSEPPI	
DANEK, ROBERT	
ESTES, RANDY	
GEIGER, JOHN	
GUEST, LAD	
HANKS, FRED	
HEYBOGR, DAVID	
HOLMES, BILL	
LARSON, ROBERT J.	
MACKEY, DAVID	
MCCATTY, DAVID J.	

MCKIGHT, WILL
 PETZ, STEPHEN E.
 REITER, JOHN
 STANNARD, CHARLES

Beginner Senior Men 19-24
 GABBERT, TERRY
 LIDDY, DAVID
 WILLIAMS, STEPHEN J.
 BRZUCHANSKI, JOSEPH R.
 LUCAS, SHANE
 BOER, CHRISTOPHER
 GRAVLIN, KEVIN
 CLAXTON, SCOTT
 EVES, ERIC
 MCCORMICK, RYAN S.
 SLUITER, BRENT
 WALKER, CHARLES C.
 WILLIAMS, MICHAEL T.
 FRYE, JOHN
 HALL, DAVID A.
 HANKS, GREG
 JANNETTE, ROBERT
 MCHUGH, TOM C.
 SCHOLTENS, ROB

Beginner Senior Men 25-29

JACKSON, MARK	139
HOTZ, DOUGLAS P.	138
PHILLIPS, BRENT	105
PIERCE, BRANDON	83
WELSH, TIM	80
DOOLEY, BRAIN	77
BEILMAN, PATRICK	75
WEST, DANIEL C.	75
DEATON, RUSS	72
WUNDERLIN, JOHN	72
HALL, MATTHEW	69
HILLARD, ADAM C.	67
KILLINGBECK, SCOTT	66
KRZYSIAK, PAUL	60
PRATT, ANTHONY	58
STOREN, JOHN	58
FELLMER, MICHAEL	56
KUHL, DAVE	53
POWERS, BRECK	35
BEAUSOJOUR, GARY	29
WARREN, JIM	27
GRIESEL, KEVIN	25
GARAN, STEVE	23
AERNOUTS, JOSEPH	
BRIDGES, DAVID	
BRUNNER, BJOERN	
CAMERON, JASON	
CULVER, CHET	
FERGUSON, MATT	
FOERSTER, DAVID	
HOMANN, DAVID A.	
JOHNSON, BRETT	
MCDERMOTT, CHRISTOPHER	
OLEWSKI, RONALD A.	
PETTS, RUSSELL S.	
REINDERS, DAN	
VALERIUS, MATTHEW	

Beginner Senior Men 30-34

COLLINS, TIMOTHY	221
KLEINHENZ, JERRY	128
ROSINSKI, MICHAEL	122
RICHARD, RICK	97
SHERMAN, BOB	96
WILLIS, SCOTT	89
LEIPPRANDT, JAMES A.	80

LIDDY, JON	80
LIVINGSTON, KEVIN	75
CARPENTER, MARK	72
BREMER, GREG	62
SMITH, RON	53
SCURR, ROBIN	48
LINING, THOMAS P.	46
HOYER, BROOKE	38
NOONAN, RICK	35
PARKINSON, TODD H.	32
WOODEN, RUSSELL TODD	28
FLOYD, BRYAN	27
DOWNS, DARREN	26
ANDERSON, HOWARD W.	
BARRERA, GEORGE	
BENNETT, ROBERT W.	
BIGSBY, IAN	
FLICK, SCOTT	
HARRISON, DAVID	
HELSEL, KIRK	
KALINA, RICHARD	
LEACH, RAYMOND	
LUNDQUIST, ERIC	
PEACOCK, PAUL	
ROGOWSKI, HERBERT	
ROZEGNAL, JOHN	
TAGLE, DENNIS RAYMOND	

Beginner Vetran Men 35-44

MARTIN, JAMES A.	192
MILLER, DUANE	181
ROYCRAFT, STUART	125
ROWAN, ROBERT B.	85
GROSE, TIM	84
SUMMERFIELD, DENNIS	73
DOCK, CHARLES	58
ARMBRUSTER, CARY	51
KOMBLEVICZ, GARY J.	47
BERTIG, TONY	29
STANLEY, WILLIAM	25
ALLAMS, DAVID C.	
ASTERIOU, MARK	
BATES, DANIEL	
BEARDSLEY, W. PETER	
BEDFORD, MATT	
BLAIS, JAMES	
BONI, STEVE	
BUDBEAMER, PEDRO	
CARTER, NEAL	
CAVANAUGH, JOHN J.	
DUNN, DAN	
HULL, DONALD J.	
SMALTZ, MATTHEW K.	
SOMMERVILLE, J. DAVID	
WILLIAMS, JOHN A.	

Beginner Women 14 & Under

HENDERSHOT, CHENOAH	62
MCKIGHT, ROXANNE	

Beginner Women 15-29

ANDERSON-COLLINS, KAREY	187
ROYCRAFT, KIM	115
JARVELA, SHELBY	101
KANIPE, JENNIFER	57
BRIDGES, MICHELLE	27
BRADLEY, ALECHIA	
JOHNSTON, HEATHER	
MARTINEZ, ANN	
OLIVERA, ANNE	
SCLESKY, DEBBIE	
SLUITER, AMY	
WORCESTER, DIANE	

WORTHINGTON, CHRISTINE

Beginner Women 30 & Over

TWIGG, SANDRA L.	125
HORST, MARY	65
ANTOS, ELIZABETH	30
JARSKI, LAURIE A.	29
OLESON, ANN	29
YOUNG, KELLY	27
AHMED, YASEMIN	
CARTER, RITA	
JOHNSTON, CAROL	
KIPP, KAREN	
KYSER, JOELLEN	
REMER, DONNA	
SCALLEN, CARY	
STANLEY, KATHLEEN	
VAN OSDEL, AMY	

Elite Men

MEYERS, JOHN	1506
HORNBURGER, BRANT	1018
CAMERON, DON	857
WEINERT, JEFF	828
SMITH, BRIAN	818
JOHNSON, CURTIS R.	761
DIFALCO, TIM	678
MATTER, BRIAN	632
BRODERICK, TOM	549
GILLESPIE, DAN	512
BARNES, JAMES C.	384
PEKRUL, BOB	358
JURVELIN, D.J.	318
GLYNN, JEFF	292
HIBNER, BRAD	281
JOHNSON, MARTY	236
PASANEN, PAUL	230
GARDULSKI, PAUL	158
HANSEN, STEVE	133
KAPPEL, MARK	127
JAMES, JIM	117
ANKERSEN, LES	
DALY, MATT	

Expert Senior Men 24 & Under

MORIN, NICK	878
COLFLESH JR., JIM	580
BOUGHAN, MATT	391
PARKER, JAMIE	381
PATTON, DAVE	368
REEVES, SKYLER	342
WATERMAN, T. AARON	313
SMITH, ROBERT N.	211
OBERLEE, NATHAN	206
HATHAWAY, TONY	187
FAES, GENE	95
MAIER, JEFF	86
WALCZAK, MATT	79
HARTMAN, DAVE	78
CARROLL, JOSHUA A.	74
TYSZKA, BEN	67
FINKBEINER, MAX	
KAISER, ERICH	
KRAJCOVIC, DAN	
TIGS, ROBIN	

Expert Senior Men 25-29

ANDREUS, ERIC	699
BLUME, ROB	540
CRANSTON, JOE	460
KELLY, JAY T.	410
LOSEY, TOD	400
MAKOWSKI, JAROD	397

CARRIGAN, BRIAN	367
WYNALDA, BRANDT	366
DOUGHERTY, JASON	362
CLINE, CHRIS	274
GARDULSKI, MIKE	157
BOATRUGHT, RICHARD	130
AUGUGLIARO, JOHN BRUCE 75	
TINGLEY, MICHAEL R.	61
KOETSIER, MICHAEL	52
BAILEY, DOUG	
COMMENT, JAMES	
DUHON, JOE	
KACZMAREK, BRIAN T.	
KOSIK, DALE	
KOTWICKI, DAN	
KRAJCOVIC, JOSEPH	
RIDLEY, MATT	

Expert Senior Men 30-34

WOJALA, JOHN	762
PALMER, SCOTT	650
GRIEVE, KARL	593
GILLIAM, MARK A	545
SCOTT, TODD	350
STRUMBERGER JR., TOM	342
CHRISTIE, DOUGLAS	332
ERSPAMER, DARREN	256
TOTH, ERIC S.	242
OUVRY, KRIS	218
MAGLE, JERRY	197
KIBLER III, FRED W	196
ANDERSON, JON D	153
MATHIS, JAMES K.	148
WALK, BRENT	136
WISWELL, JACK	131
JEFFREY, CHRISTOPHER	127
HEISS, MATT	
HOWARD, STEVE	
SIGETY, R. REID	

Expert Senior Men 35-44

CAMP, DON	455
BUSHONG, MICK	441
FISCHER, BILL	413
TRIPP, LEWIS	385
RIEGE, KEITH M	382
CANNON, PHILIP	329
PLITE, RICK	299
CORNELL, DOUGLAS	289
HOLLIS, DAVE	282
FENTON, TODD	229
HEADY, DOUG	223
FARNSWORTH, TERRY	163
SCHOONOVER, RICK	142
STUBER, STU	135
HURLOW, EDWIN G.	132
HENDERSHOTT, RICK	116
KESSENICH, MIKE	80
CHAFFEE, STEVE	79
WOOLDRIDGE, STEPHEN M.	75
STEURER, SCOTT	59
CLARK, MICHAEL	
COCHRON, WILLIAM	
JONES, MIKE	
MOORE, GARY	
WOLOWIEC, MARK	

Expert Senior Men 45 & Over

FLEMING, ART	589
ALDERSON, RANDY	345
COOK, GARY	243
SMIGIEL, STEVE	220
GRONDIN, PAUL	198

JONES, THOMAS N
PATTON, CLIF

Expert/Elite Women

HARRINGTON, ELISE	708
LUSK, KELLI	550
POTTS, CECILIA	506
WILSON, SHELLY L.	448
HAUSBECK, SHARI	397
ORMAN, JOAN	178
TILES, ROBIN	148
LEONGAS, SOPHIA	100
DELLER, JODI N.	91
LYNCH, BRENDA	83
CUTTITTA, JOAN	
MARGULIES, CARLA	
MARQUARDT, CATHERINE	
SANCHEZ, MARGARET	
VENTIMIGLIA, DONNA	
WALKER, JAMIE	

Sport Grand Master Men 55 & Over

NELL, TOM	299
SCHELTEMA, DAVID A.	189
RICE, LAVERN A.	159
VANDECAR, DENNY	118
STEARNS, DON	102
ANDERSON, THOMAS R	
PAOLELLA, ANTONIO	
TOBIN, PATRICK	
WOODBURN, JAMES S.	

Sport Junior Men 14 & Under

HENDERSHOT, JOREL	311
REDDY, JOEY	220
BOYNTON, JOEL	58
EICKENROTH, PATRICK R.	
GODDARD, NICHOLAS	
MARTUS, DAVID	
MCALLENAN, CHRIS	
TIGS, RUSS	
WATSON, ADAM	

Sport Junior Men 15-18

QUICK, JOE	447
YANKUS, DAN	163
CASE, CARL	145
RANSOM, MATT	134
TILES, RUSS	133
HURLOW, DARRYL	107
PEPPER, CRAIG	107
GRAHAM, DEREK	106
PATTON, JEFFREY	106
MERTZ, DON	104
RIVARD, RUSSEL	92
STIERWALT, JON	55
SCHUTZ, TIMOTHY	45
HAMMER, NICK	44
OWENS, ZACH	43
WROBEL, JEFF	41
LEWIS, BRAD	40
ANDERSON, BENJAMIN	
DILLAND, DAVID	
KLEPETLA, MICHAEL	
KYSER, LEVI	
PALAZZOLO, JOE	
WARD, JESSE	
WENBERG, ANDY	

Sport Master Men 45-54

EDDY, KEN	461
MOLLOSEAU, GARY R.	280
MASSEY, DENNIS	246

NEEDHAM SR., MICHAEL J.	235	SINK, RONNIE	69	VERNON, RANDY	211
WATT, WESLEY	213	FIELD, GRAHM A.	68	ARMSTRONG, MARK A.	161
GODDARD, JEREMY	209	QUINN, STACY	59	LINDHOUT, BILL	144
CORDELLA, REINHOLD	204	LEHMANN, STEVE	49	RYTLEWSKI, PAUL G.	138
PETTIGROVE, DAVE	182	POSTIGO, OMAR	43	FABER, JEFF	130
HOLLENS, JIM	178	YORK, JEFFREY L.	40	MYCZKOWIAK, JERRY	130
LEALE, DAVID	139	ROBINSON, MARK J.	36	QUICK, GREGORY	114
ALLEN, GORDON	113	GRIFFIN, JAMES	35	EHL, STEVE	110
LINDEN, ROBERT	95	NAPIERAISKI, MIKE	35	SZAROWICZ, TOM	98
MCKNIGHT, JOHN R.	73	BUTEYN, JOE	34	ARMSTRONG, KRIS	94
MOTOWSKI, MIKE	57	WADAGA, MARC	28	PUNCHES, RICHARD	87
KIPP, BOB	35	KATEEL, JOHN	27	BLUM, EUGENE C.	84
HORTON, DAVID	34	COY, ROB		HITT, BRUCE	70
SMITH, GLEN	34	CUSTER, DENNIS		WATSON, DAVID	59
CALI, JIM		DANIEL, JEFF		WEISS, JERRY	58
HARRISON, DANIEL		EICHBAUER, JASON CONRAD		CARLSON, JOE	51
HATFIELD, LARRY		GUMZ, KEVIN M.		WEITZMAN, MYLES	49
HENDERSHOT, RONN		KNEBL, JOHN K.		SHARPHORN, RICHARD	47
KRIST, GREMUTTER, LYLE R		MARTINEZ, LUPE		SOWLE, SCOTT	45
ROGGE, RICHARD		MCGARTLAND, SEAN		ROERIG, SCOTT	43
TUXBURY, RICHARD		MICHMERHUIZEN, MARSHALL		JOHNSON, NICK	42
WENBERG, JIM		PASANEN, SEAN		MILLER, MICHAEL	41
		ROGERS, DAN G.		PETTS, KEVIN	39
Sport Senior Men 19-24		SIMON, JOHN T.		TREVARRON JR., JAMES F.	37
HOLMES, WILLIAM	359	VIAENE, JEFF		WALSH, DOUG	37
MALEC, SHAWN	253	WATSON, ROBERT E.		SAMPSONS, RON	35
KETCHAM, MATTHEW L	202	WESTON, MARK		GARLAND, JOHN	34
VANVEELEN, KEVIN	202	ZACHAREK, DANIEL D.		BOSKEE, RICHARD A.	31
ISAACS, RYAN	199	ZMICH, JEFFREY M.		ENGSTROM, DAN	28
LAMBERT, MATT	188			BECK, RANDY	
MALTBY, CHRIS R.	122	Sport Senior Men 30-34		BIZZIGOTTI, PAUL	
MOHLER, JOSH	98	KUIPER, RICK	447	BRACEWELL, JIM	
SCHMIDT, MARK	78	GOBLIRSCH, JAMES	267	BRUCE, PATRICK	
PLATZ, MICHAEL	75	FARRELL, SCOTT	258	CREED, JEFF	
JOHNSON, MATT	60	LAROE, KEVIN	253	HEIM JR, DAVID	
ZAWINSKY, ALEX	57	MURRAY, ROBERT	240	KELLY, JOHN P/	
ADAMSKI, SHAWN	46	ROTH, FRANK	237	KLEPETLA, JOHN	
KOELER, MARK	44	SCHNEIDER, JOEL	233	KOSONOVICH, DAVE	
PIKE BIEGUNSKI, MACIEJ	39	REISER, GARY	195	KOWALCZYK, JOHN	
CADREAU, JASON		QUIST, JACK W.	176	MEYERS, C. DANIEL	
COMBS, MAYFORD		PRICE, STEVE	174	MUHA, MICHAEL J.	
HENNING, AARON		GEERLIGS, TERRY L	154	NIVELT, GARY	
KOTCHI, KEVIN J.		FOLK, HAL	144	PALAZZOLO, VINCE	
LOESCHER, K. BEN		WAGNER, NEIL	135	RHOADS, ROBERT A	
MCCLELLAND, WILLIAM		JONES, DANNY	110	RUMPH, JOE	
MCGILL, SCOTT		TYRRELL, SHAWN	102	SPILLERS, HARRY	
MUNSON, KURT		TRIBBY, ERIC R.	92	WATERS, TIM	
ODELL, IAN C.		WITTBRODT, JEFF	70		
PIZIALI, BRETT		TOPOLINSKI, STEVE	66		
		SOWLE, PATRICK	62	Sport Women 29 & Under	
Sport Senior Men 25-29		OLIVERA, GARY	41	SAHAYDAK, TONJA	248
COLE, MARK D.	350	WEYMOUTH, MARK	34	NIDA, FELICE A.	229
MAES, JIM	263	YENERICH, MIKE	34	SCHWARTZ, ANNE	222
HENRY, JOHN	261	RUYS, TED G.	28	PEDERSON, LESLI	218
PATTON, SCOTT	236	BARTON, JEFFERY S.		PASMA, AMY	207
JONES, JASON ARIC	218	BOERSMA, DON		MURRAY, MARCIA	205
WARD, JAMES O.	166	EWASEK, PETE F.		WYCZALEK, TONYA	108
INMAN, ROGER	163	HICKMAN, DAVID		GODDARD, LUCY	100
HERSBERGER, TONY	159	JUREK, DANIEL		WALK, CATHY	46
PEKRUL, MIKE	159	MILLER, KIP L.		WEYMOUTH, LAURIE	46
ASHER, JASON	156	MORRIS, JEFFREY		HIBNER, LORI	
RICH, MATTHEW	148	MUNSON, ALEX		KLAIN, TANYA J.	
KAUFMAN, KIRK	133	OSTBY, NEAL R.		MCCAFFREE, ALISON D.	
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March

- 31 Deep Thaw Classic**
Whiskey Creek Resort, Ludington
Active Sports, 616/458-7345
FEE: \$20 by 3/26, \$25 day of. START: 11 am KIDS RACE: No
23 mile loop. All classes ride same course in waves beginning at 11 am.

April

- 6 Fort Custer Stampede**
Fort Custer Recreation Area, Augusta
Mike Needham, 616/731-4078
FEE: \$20 postmark by 4/1, \$25 day of. REG: 9 am to 3 pm (TS)
START: Exp 10 am, Sport 1 pm, Beg 3:30 pm KIDS RACE: Yes/\$5/2 pm
Benefit race for the Southwest chapter of the MMBA.
- 21 Deep Lake Trail Benefit**
Yankee Springs Recreation Area, Hastings
Breakaway Bicycles, 616/349-5555
Fun Promotions, 616/453-4245
FEE: \$15/20 by 4/14, \$20/25 day of. REGISTRATION: 8 to 9:30 am
START: 10 am KIDS RACE: Yes/\$5/12 pm
Benefit time trial for trail. Night riding & camping on Saturday, 4/20.

May

- 5 Boyne Challenge**
Boyne Mountain Resort, Boyne Falls
Fun Promotions, 616/453-4245
FEE: \$20 by 4/28, \$25 day of. REG: 8 to 1/2 hr before start (TS)
START: Exp/Sport 11 am, Beginner 1:45 pm KIDS RACE: Yes/\$5/1:30 pm
Slalom & Downhill races on 5/4 at 1 pm.
- 12 Addison Oaks Spring MTB Race**
Addison Oaks County Park, Leonard
Oakland County Parks, 810/858-4647
FEE: \$20 by 5/3, \$25 day of. REGISTRATION: 9 to 1/2 hour before start
START: Beginner 11 am, Exp/Sport 1:30 pm KIDS RACE: Yes/10 am (TS)
- 19 Kandahar Kup at Springfield Oaks**
Springfield Oaks Activity Center, Davisburg
Amanick Promotions, 810/788-8871
FEE: \$20 by 5/13, \$25 day of. REGISTRATION: 8 to 1/2 hr before start
START: Expert/Sport 10 am, Beginner 1 pm KIDS RACE: Yes/\$5/3 pm
- 26 Pando Challenge**
Pando Ski Area, Rockford
Fun Promotions, 616/453-4245
FEE: \$20 by 5/19, \$25 day of. KIDS RACE: Yes/\$5/2:30 pm
START: Expert 10 am, Sport 12:30 pm, Beginner 2:45 pm (TS)
Slalom, dirt criterium, & riders clinic on Saturday, 5/25.

June

- 15 Keweenaw Chain Drive Festival**
Houghton/Hancock
Fun Promotions, 616/453-4245
FEE: \$20 by 6/12, \$25 day of. REGISTRATION: 8 to 9:50 am
START: 10 am. All classes at 1 min int. KIDS RACE: Yes/\$5/12:30 pm
Part of Bridge Fest 96. Seafood, parade, fireworks.
Slalom, uphill, & downhill races.

July

- 14 Pando Challenge**
Pando Ski Area, Rockford
Fun Promotions, 616/453-4245
FEE: \$20 by 7/7, \$25 day of. REGISTRATION: 8:30 to 1:30 pm (TS)
START: Exp 10 am, Sport 12:30 am, Beg 1:45 pm KIDS: Yes/\$5/2:30 pm
Slalom, off-road 5K run, & biathlon on Saturday, 7/13.

- 28 Pontiac Lake MTB Time Trial**
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, Waterford
Robert Linden, 810/634-6178
FEE: \$20 postmarked by 7/23, \$25 day of. REGISTRATION: 8 to 10 am
START: 10 am KIDS RACE: Yes/free/12 pm (TS)
1/2 mile north of M-59 at Williams Lake Rd.

August

- 4 Ithaca Challenge**
McNabb Park / Ithaca Fairgrounds, Ithaca
Fun Promotions, 616/453-4245
FEE: \$20 by 7/28, \$25 day of. REGISTRATION: 8 to 1:30 pm
START: Exp 10am, Sport 12 pm, Beg 2 pm KIDS RACE: Yes/\$5/1:30 pm
- 11 Ruby Challenge**
Ruby Campgrounds, Port Huron
Fun Promotions, 616/453-4245
FEE: \$20 by 8/4, \$25 day of. REGISTRATION: 8:30 to 1:30 pm
START: Exp 10 am, Sport 12:30 pm, Beg 2:30 pm KIDS: Yes/\$5/2:15 pm

September

- 1 Garland Hammer**
Garland Resort, Lewiston
Larry Kinney, 800/968-0042
FEE: \$20 by 8/27, \$25 day of. REGISTRATION: 1/2 hour prior to race
START: to be announced KIDS RACE: Yes/\$5
- 15 Mike Cool Memorial Challenge**
Cool Ski Area, Leroy
Fun Promotions, 616/453-4245
FEE: \$20 by 9/8, \$25 day of. REGISTRATION: 10 to 11:30 am
START: 12 pm mass start KIDS RACE: Yes/\$5/2:30 pm (TS)
Slalom at 3pm.
- 29 Addison Oaks Fall MTB Race**
Addison Oaks County Park, Leonard
Oakland County Parks, 810/858-4647
FEE: \$20 by 9/20, \$25 day of. REGISTRATION: 9am to 1/2 hr before
START: Beginner 11 am, Exp/Sport 1:30 pm KIDS RACE: Yes/10 am (TS)

October

- 6 Oktoberfest at Schuss Mountain**
Shanty Creek, Bellaire
Amanick Promotions, 810/788-8871
FEE: \$20 by 9/30, \$25 day of. REGISTRATION: 8 am to 1/2 before start
START : Expert/Sport 10 am, Beginner 1 pm KIDS RACE: Yes/\$5/3 pm
- 20 Cannonsburg Challenge**
Cannonsburg Ski Area, Grand Rapids
Fun Promotions, 616/453-4245
FEE: \$20 by 10/13, \$25 day of. REGISTRATION: 8:30 to 1:30 pm (TS)
START: Exp 10am, Sport 12:30 pm, Beg. 2:45 pm KIDS: Yes/\$5/2:30 pm
Slalom 12pm on Saturday, 10/19.

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